11/19/69 Dear Gary,

Hurried acknowledgement of your 11/16, about which I cannot say much now, and the enclosures.

Jerry is a good boy. He phoned me yesterday and without indicating what you asked of him told me you had and asked my opinion because I had a copy. It didn't come until today, But I encouraged him to do whatever you asked and I believe he has a day off tomorrow and will start. He holds down a full-time, responsible job, plus college at night. Nice boy. I like him personally, and he has helped me in a number of small ways.

On the MMPI and hyperventillation, I have been conscious of two things: too much mouth breathing, which I stop as soon as I am aware of it, and the need for adequate exhaling, so when I think of it I force all of the air out. But among the things I do not understand is whether it is only the deep almost gulping of air or ordinary breathing in which there is incomplete expulsion of the air that is the problem. I've read and understood what you said, but not time for more now. There are a few things about which I may be pointed, but I want you to think seriously about some.

On sending stuff to Joesten "in order to give Europeans an idea as to h the type of work which is being donw". First of all, if you know Joesten, you'd not expect him to use it in a way to achieve this end. Second of all, any association with him is ruinous to our reputations. I would not let Dawney do O in NO after I saw (shudder "Oswald The Truth". But above all, why? This is an immature approach, as I see it. Suppose Europeans do have an idea of the kind of work being done, what real difference does it make, what real good can it accomplish? This is the kind of thing that in the Post N.O. era is at best counterproductive....Next you say you sent him on the pictures and X-rays only what Bud turned out. First of all, that doesn't mean it was all Bud's (and it wasn't), and second of all, I suggest that should be Bud's decision, not yours, or that you should take it wup with him. Aside from this, such activities waste time you do not have and cost money you cannot spare...Anyway, you should now known about J. He is terrible. and he is now saying he is the only one in the world doing any "investigating". Incredible as it seems, this is exactly what he recent said. Sylvia has it. And he is the one who is commercializing while doing no investigating. If he believes it this is even worse than his willful lying.

It is without basis to assume that Jim has the capacity, intention or capacity for learning for what he does not even acknowledges was less than it should and could have been. Please read him as I've told you and not find out too late. More on this later, perhaps, but send nothing there save through me, and if there is anything I think should not go I'll take it up with you. He has a jurisdiction to which it is part time for him to restrict himself. It is also not probable that with the apparent termination of the Fox-Turner-Lane association (you forgot Mort Sahl) there are or will be no more syocphants. He can abide no others. Mark may yet return. I'm waiting until Moo is here to learn and say what I will and will not do. Bud is inclined to be even more restrictive than I. I discussed this with him briefly today.

Little time for comment on Lifton. I'll go out on a limb and say he has nothing thatvis solid unless it originates elsewhere...Frankly, from what he told me a year ago, I fear I know what it is, "proof" LBJ and Rusk Dulles (depending on when he said it) actively plotted the murder...I remain unconvinced that there is any splice in the Z film save the one I exposed. The copy Fred had was edited and helps me make up my own mind of the source. I saw another like it, not in the Archives, and wrote and otherwise informed others, including you, at the time. However, while I am without complaint at Mary's keeping a confidence, I am troubled because some of her interpretations also worry me. She could buy (and has) what I won't. More when I clean up the new accumulation. Thanks, Best,